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The Communist leaders held secret meetings to alert the faithful Party members to keep their "eyes and ears open" and report any unusual activities or gatherings. RFE and VOA gave complete coverage to the people of Poland. The Polish newspapers, on the other hand, carried a six-line article stating that US warmongers sent to Germany incited the revolt in East Berlin; however, quick action on the part of the police prevented further bloodshed.

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In 1946 or 1947, there was a strike of five-minute duration. The secret police immediately stepped in and killed the strike leaders. When the followers saw their leaders were killed and realized that their efforts to show dissatisfaction were useless, they returned to work. At the present time, strikes and demonstrations are impossible for three reasons:

- 1) No one person wants the responsibility of leading the strike because he would be a marked man.
- 2) Officials of the regime constantly remind the worker that all factories belong to the working class of people and to strike would hurt no one but the worker.
- 3) Strike leaders are enemies of the regime and the labor class.

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